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TAGS: ECIN, PORG, GH  
SUBJ: ECOWAS DELEGATION VISITS GHANA

1. A THREE-MAN DELEGATION FROM THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY  
OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECONWAS) LED BY YAW GRUNITSKY, TOGOLESE  
MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, VISITED  
GHANA APRIL 6, HELD TALKS WITH OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY  
OF ECONOMIC PLANNING, FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS, AND TRADE, AND PAID  
A "FIVE MINUTE" CALL ON THE HEAD OF STATE AND SMC CHAIRMAN,  
GENERAL I.K. ACHEAMPONG. THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO INVITE HIM  
TO ATTEND THE HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT MEETING APRIL 21-22.  
OTHER ECOWAS DELEGATION MEMBERS  
WERE DR. A DIABY QUATTARA,  
SECRETARY GENERAL AND MR. E. DOTI MENSAH OF THE ECOWAS  
SECRETARIAT.

2. ACCORDING TO ANSAH-ANTIAC,  
TING DIRECTOR, MULTILATERAL  
AFFAIRS DIVISION, ECONOMIC RELATIONS DEPT., MFA, THE HEAD  
OF STATE WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE SUMMIT MEETING  
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BY MAJOR GENERAL G.Y. BOAKYE, AIR FORCE COMMAND AND  
MEMBER OF THE SMC.

3. COMMENT: GENERAL ACHEAMPONG HAS LEFT GHANA ONLY ONCE  
IN HIS SIX YEARS IN POWER AND THEN ONLY BRIEFLY ACROSS  
THE BORDER TO LOME, FEARING THAT AN ABSENCE FROM GHANA  
MIGHT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A COUP D'ETAT SIMILAR TO

THAT WHICH OVERTHREW NKRUMAH IN 1966 WHILE HE WAS EN ROUTE  
TO THE PRC.

4. ANSAH-ANTWI NOTED THAT GHANA SUPPORTED A PROPOSAL TO  
EXAMINE ECOWAS AND THE OTHER EXISTING REGIONAL BODIES  
TO SEE IF THERE MIGHT BE UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT  
AND WASTE, E.G., IN MAINTAINING SEVERAL SECRETARIATS.

5. ANSAH-ANTIWI CONFIRMED THAT GHANA REMAINS A STRONG  
SUPPORTER OF ECOWAS, CITING SUCH ADVANTAGES FOR GHANA  
AS THE POSSIBLE EVENTUAL ADOPTION OF A COMMON CURRENCY  
FOR MEMBERS, WHICH STEP WOULD, HE ARGUED, REDUCE SMUGGLING  
FROM GHANA. SMITH

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